

Arundel County became the subject of serious controversy during the years 1820 to 1826 as persons living along the border failed to contribute to the expenses of either county on the plea that the boundary was not known. To overcome this difficulty an act was passed in 1822 (Acts of 1822, Ch. 109) to ascertain and establish a division line between the two counties. Commissioners were appointed to examine the inhabitants along the line and their views regarding its location, and also to search the records of the general and county courts to ascertain if possible what had been the original divisional line. Their report, which was returned to the General Assembly of the following year, led to the passage of a law authorizing them to plant large and sufficient boundary stones at the beginning and termination of every course or line between the said counties

“beginning for the same at the mouth of a creek on the western side of the Chesapeake bay, called and known by the name of Muddy Creek or Red Lyon's Creek, lying and being on the south side of the land now owned and occupied by Samuel Owings, thence by and with the said creek to the head thereof, thence in a straight line to a chesnut tree on the south edge of Hall's Creek branch, marked with the black letter P. on the plain black line shaded yellow and green on the Plats laid down by the said commissioners under the authority of an act of the last session, thence to Q. at the south end of the line forming the eastern limit of the tract of land called Maidstone, thence with said line of Maidstone to the end thereof, and thence in the same direction until it strikes Lyons Creek, thence down the said creek to the river Patuxent.”

Plats of the territory showing the location of every boundary stone were to be filed among the land records of the respective counties. A year later on account of certain doubts regarding the construction of this law a supplemental law was passed to the effect

“That the said divisional lines between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties, shall begin on the south side of Samuel Owing's house, at the mouth of a creek called in the act to which this is a supplement, Muddy creek or Red Lyon's creek, which said creek shall be taken and understood to mean the same creek stated by the commissioners appointed by the act of the last session to ascertain the divisional lines between the said counties in their report to the legislature at its present session, to be known by the name of South creek or Muddy creek, and running by and with said creek to the head thereof, thence as directed by the act to which this is a supplement.”

Calvert County, like Charles County, has suffered less change and cur-